

HUNS MAKE NO PROGRESS IN SOLVING CRISIS

RAILROADS CHARGE EMPLOYEES SEEK TO BECLOUD ISSUE

Declare Voluminous Exhibits Offered on Their Behalf Irrelevant to Wage Issue.

ROADS BRAND ALLEGED ECONOMIES AS VISIONARY

Resent Insinuation That Carriers Are Antiquated and Inefficiently Managed.

REPLY TO CHARGES OF LAUCK

Point With Pride to Performance, Operation Cost and Service Rendered Public.

CHICAGO, ILL., May 7.—Representatives of the railroad appearing before the United States Railroad Labor board at Chicago, made specific reply today to the charges of W. Jett Lauck concerning the roads' financial performance and alleged inadequacies of railway management. The roads pointed out not only that the voluminous exhibits offered on behalf of the employees were entirely irrelevant to the wage issue and an attempt to cloud that issue, but also that the alleged economies suggested by the employees' spokesmen were fallacious, theoretical and visionary.

A summary of the presentation made on behalf of the Eastern roads by John G. Walker, secretary of the bureau of information of the Eastern railways, follows:

With respect to alleged possible economies amounting to \$2,025,000, through the use of various mechanical appliances and in general the re-equipment of all facilities and equipment entering into railroad operation, Mr. Walker said:

"The suggested economies are not original or pioneer suggestions. From the reading of these exhibits one might get the impression that the American railroads are antiquated and inefficiently managed. We deny these presumptions and point with pride to the records of performance, cost of operation and service rendered the public, which are acknowledged."

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MOSBY'S RANGERS MEET ON SCENE OF BIG BATTLE

[By Associated Press.] MANASSAS, VA., May 7.—Mosby's rangers, the Forty-third Battalion of Virginia Cavalry, gathered today in annual reunion on the field where, more than half a century ago, they participated in one of the great battles of the War Between the States and won first fame.

Representative W. D. Upshaw, of Georgia, delivered the principal address, speaking on "Southern Loyalty, National Inspiration."

A Confederate flag, a gift of the Lee Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, San Antonio, Tex., was hoisted on the spot where General Edward E. Bee fell in battle.

Representative Upshaw paid a glowing tribute to the South and he part it played in the world war, and declared that no longer could any one question the loyalty of the South to the Stars and Stripes.

UNCLE JOE" CANNON WORKS AS HOUSE HONORS BIRTHDAY

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The House adjourned in honor of the eighty-fifth birthday of Representative Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois, today, but Uncle Joe elected to spend his birthday at his office in the Capitol, as usual. Practically all the House leaders participated in a birthday luncheon for him at noon.

"I had to come down," explained Uncle Joe. "The Appropriations Committee is hearing Herbert Hoover in his plea for a deficiency appropriation."

TEN WOMEN "ALL YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL," RALLY TO DEFENSE OF MRS. STILLMAN

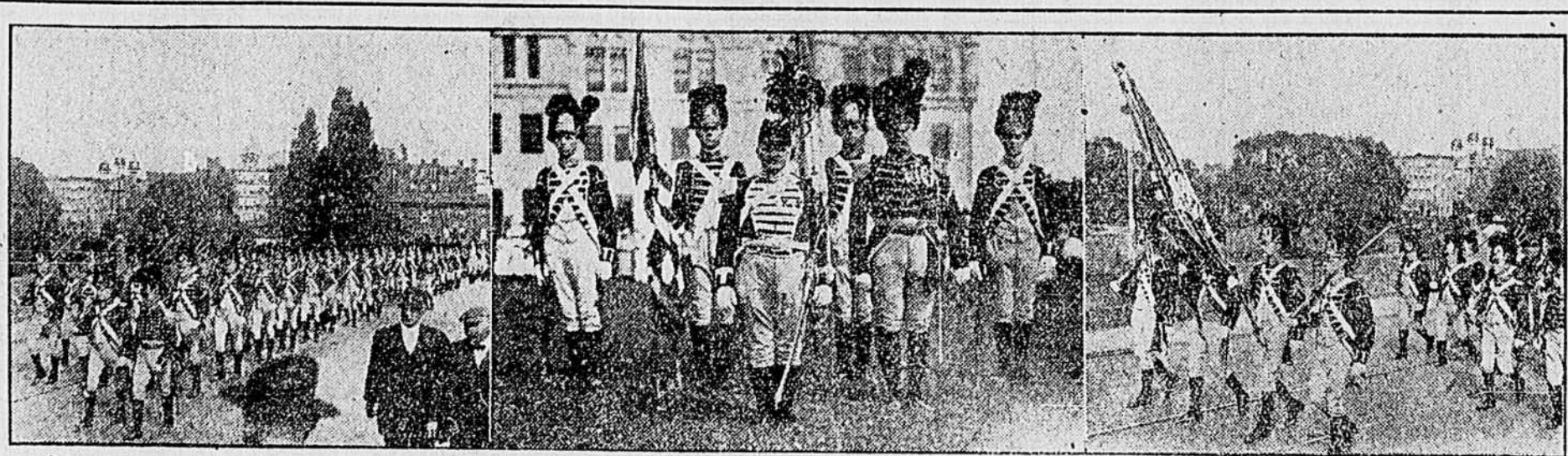
Sums of Money Being Expended in Sensational Divorce Suit Described as "Staggering"—Breathless Race to Get Possession of Incriminating Letters.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Ten women, all "young and beautiful," figure in the defense that Mrs. James A. Stillman will make against the suit for divorce brought by her husband.

The hazy forms of other women, most of them of the chorus girl or small actress type, are described as half-emerged from background of the investigation being made by Mrs. Stillman's representatives.

This amazing still of the women believed by Mrs. Stillman to have aided her husband in his hours of relaxation under the bright lights, was earned for the first time yesterday

Governor's Foot Guards of Connecticut Guests of the Richmond Blues



FOOT GUARDS MARCHING, THE GOVERNOR'S STAFF AND COLOR GUARD

IRISH OFFICIAL SEES RIFT IN CLOUDS; PEACE ON HORIZON

Craig-De Valera Conference Best Thing Yet, Declares Sir Hamar Greenwood.

IRELAND MUST SOLVE OWN PROBLEMS, SAYS SECRETARY

Asserts Irish Question Must Be Settled Through Administration of Home Rule Act.

[By Associated Press.] DUBLIN, May 7.—Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, speaking today of the recent conference of Sir James Craig, Premier of Northern Ireland, and Eamon de Valera, the Irish Republican, declared the meeting was not only the best thing that has happened in modern Irish history, but the most hopeful sign of peace in 750 years.

"No Englishman, Welshman or Scotsman wants to run Ireland," Sir Hamar said. "Ireland must settle her problem herself. Therefore, the meeting of Sir James and Mr. de Valera is an extremely significant sign, and, in connection with it, I must praise the courage of Sir James, who consented to accompany strangers whom he knew to be enemies in a motor car from my lodge to the meeting place. He went alone and unarmed."

Asked whether Sir James had been blindfolded, as was told the correspondent when he recently interviewed Mr. de Valera, Sir Hamar said:

"Not at all; he went with his eyes wide open."

The chief secretary pointed out, and emphasized, that this was the first time on record that the representative of the British Government and the Irish Republic met on equal terms.

RAIN CANCELS TRIP OF PRESIDENT TO LEESBURG

WASHINGTON, May 7.—A week of steady rain on the Virginia clay roads prevented President and Mrs. Harding motoring to Leesburg, Va., today for a brief rest at the country home of Edward B. McLean.

The President had planned to leave Washington this afternoon and motor to Leesburg, returning to Washington tomorrow afternoon in time for the unveiling of a memorial at the Elks' Home here.

Moonshiner Dies From Wounds

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., May 7.—Filled with buckshot by a posse of deputy sheriffs while attempting to draw a gun when caught lighting a fire under a "moonshine" still on Racoon Mountain Friday afternoon, Virgil Young succumbed to wounds at a local hospital this afternoon.

NEW ENGLAND SOLDIERS JOIN VIRGINIANS FOR CELEBRATION

Members of Famous Connecticut Unit Arrived This Morning.

VISITORS ARE MET BY DETAIL

Warm Friendship Between Two Organizations Has Existed Many Years.

Arrival here this morning at 7:10 o'clock of detachments from the Governor's Foot Guard, famous Connecticut military unit, will mark the beginning of the one hundred and thirty-second anniversary celebration of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues Battalion, an organization whose traditions of high service date back almost to the birth of the republic.

The New England soldiers will be met at the train by a detail from the Blues and escorted to the Richmond Hotel, where they will be quartered during the three-day celebration. In the long history of Virginia's crack



CAPTAIN MILLS F. NEAL, General Chairman of Richmond Blues Reunion.

military unit, nothing has been finer than the friendship which has existed through the years between these or-

BENSON APPEALS TO U. S. MERCHANT MARINE

Hundreds of Strikebreakers Apply for Work on American Vessels, Is Report.

UNION MEN PARADE STREETS

Powboat Engineers Walk Out in Boston as Companies Attempt to Replace Striking Firemen—Claim Conflict of Law.

[By Associated Press.] WASHINGTON, May 7.—Admiral W. S. Benson, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, today issued a statement addressed to the officers and men of the American merchant marine, giving the board's position on the present marine strike, "in the hope," he said, "that the friendly relations which have heretofore existed between employer and their employees may be again resumed."

The admiral said that a review of the development of "the regrettable marine labor controversy which now confronts this country would convince all unbiased minds that the course pursued by the United States Shipping Board is a sound one and a fair one; that the existing economic

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The average net paid circulation of The Richmond Times-Dispatch for the 6 months ending March 31, 1921, was:

Sunday, - - - 44,558
Daily, - - - 39,963

Every Soldier Must Write Letter to Mother Today

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Every soldier in the service must write a letter to his mother tomorrow.

Secretary of War Weeks telegraphed all post commanders today, "Tomorrow is 'Mothers' Day.'"

It is his desire, the secretary added, that each man write a letter home as an "expression of love and reverence we owe to the mothers of the country."

Mothers' Day was established by Congress in 1914, and is observed every year on the second Sunday in May.

NEW BURGLAR-PROOF MAIL CAR RUNS FROM NEW YORK TO CHICAGO

Special Type, Designed to Combat Bandits and Protect U. S. Property.

[By Associated Press.] CHICAGO, May 7.—The first trial trip of a new type of burglar-proof mail car, designed to combat the efforts of mail thieves, whose loot is said to have passed the \$100,000,000 mark in 1920, was completed today when one of the specially constructed cars arrived from New York carrying 27,000 pounds of mail and accompanied by a committee of postal officials, who will decide on the adaptability of the car to general mail service.

The car consisted of nine sectional, safe-like containers, equipped with the most modern locking devices. They were loaded at the New York post-office, carried to the train in motor trucks and then, by means of a crane, loaded in place on the car.

When the trip was completed, another crane lifted the containers to motor trucks and they were rushed to the local post-office and unlocked. The time of transferring the containers from the train to the post-office was thirty-one minutes, which, officials said, was one-fifth of the time taken by the old hand methods.

The flames have spread from Marion County to Lake County, and tonight were threatening the homes of people living on the edge of the forest. The fire is said to have had its origin in attempts to burn out deer in a small area.

Illuminated Traffic Cop, "All Lit Up Like a Church," New York's Latest

NEW YORK, May 7.—"All lit up like a church" describes New York's latest thing in illuminated traffic cops. They paraded today, wearing white rubber nightshirts with red, yellow and green bull's-eye electric lights on their chests.

These human signal towers will stand on busy corners at night, playing the push-buttons of their sign boxes like the notes of an accordion. Cathedral windows and revolving lighthouses simply aren't it.

The illuminated cop is the contrivance of Dr. John A. Harris, who invented and installed, at his own expense, the traffic towers on Fifth Avenue.

SAYS POLAND MUST DISARM IF TEUTONS MEET PACT TERMS

Lloyd George Declares Germany Entitled to Consideration If It Obeys Treaty.

REICHSWEHR OFFICERS TAKE OVER KREUZBURG DISTRICT

Will Defend Silesian Area Against Threatened Attack by Polish Insurgents.

[By Associated Press.] MAIDSTONE, ENGLAND, May 7.—The Prime Minister, Lloyd George, declared today that if Germany disarmed in accordance with the treaty of Versailles, she was entitled to ask that the allies insist on the disarmament of Poland.

Lloyd George made this declaration in addressing a meeting of 5,000 persons here under the auspices of the National Unionist Association.

Germans Take Over Kreuzburg. KREUZBURG, SILESIA, May 7.—German reichswehr officers have assumed control of the Kreuzburg district; 2,000 army rifles have been issued and guards thrown about the town to defend it against a threatened attack by Poles, who are camped in front of Rosenberg. The Polish army is estimated at 5,000, with several scores of machine guns.

The interallied officials are helpless, the French troops having been withdrawn two days ago for service at Rybick. The entente's representatives are seven French civilians, a British major and an Italian civilian. Their position is not a pleasant one; the townspeople are highly excited.

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THOUSANDS ACCLAIM STATUE OF FRANKLIN ON BOSTON COMMONS

Driven in Parade Over Streets Philosopher-Printer Had Known as a Youth.

[By Associated Press.] BOSTON, May 7.—Nearly 200 years ago a thoughtful boy printer named Benjamin Franklin ran away from Boston to Philadelphia. Today a bronze statue of Franklin in the city of his birth as it was driven in a parade over the streets the philosopher knew as a youth.

The statue in reaching here had reversed the route taken by Franklin to Philadelphia. It arrived on the two hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the New England Courant, a periodical which Franklin founded with the assistance of his brother.

At exercises on the Commons a letter from President Harding was read, which he said:

"Even among the talented sons of Massachusetts, Franklin will always rank in the foremost group, and in honoring his memory you are honoring yourselves and the nation to which he so greatly contributed."

After the exercises the statue was taken by a naval escort to a position on the Commons, where it will remain until early next week. Then it is to be taken to Waterbury, Conn., where it is to be permanently located.

FIRE SWEEPS 200,000 ACRES FOREST RESERVE

[By Associated Press.] OCALA, FLA., May 7.—The fire that has been raging for several days in the Ocala national forest reserve, east of the Ocala National River, has swept more than 200,000 acres, or two-thirds of the area, according to reports reaching here.

The flames have spread from Marion County to Lake County, and tonight were threatening the homes of people living on the edge of the forest. The fire is said to have had its origin in attempts to burn out deer in a small area.

MISSING GIRL'S BODY FOUND IN WATER-FILLED QUARRY

PROCTOR, VT., May 7.—The body of Miss Marion Butterworth, who had been missing since Tuesday night last, was found tonight in an abandoned and water-filled quarry two miles south of this village. An autopsy was begun at once.

C. & O. Seashore Excursions begin Sunday, May 15th. Round-trip rates: City Point, Buckroe, Norfolk, \$2.40; W. H. Beach and Ocean View, \$2.25; Virginia Beach, \$2.25—3 trains daily.

U. S. MAY HOLD UP ACTION ON KNOX PEACE RESOLUTION

Announcement of Harding's Decision to Have America Represented on Supreme Council Causes Hitch in Plans to End War Status.

LARGER PROBLEMS GROWING OUT OF STRUGGLE WILL BE SETTLED FIRST

American Ambassador to Great Britain Will Receive Instructions From President After His Arrival in London This Week.

[By Associated Press.] BERLIN, May 7.—The Reichstag leaders admitted tonight that no progress had been made in the direction of solving the present crisis. This announcement was made after a day crowded with party conferences and discussions between the Cabinet and the Foreign Relations Committee over the ultimatum of the allies on the reparations terms.

The German People's party and the Democrats alone of the present coalition block went on record as opposing any new Cabinet which would accept the allies' ultimatum.

May Defer Action on Peace Resolution. [By Associated Press.] WASHINGTON, May 7.—Announcement of President Harding's decision to have American representation on the supreme council, the conference of ambassadors and the reparations commission was followed today by intimations from Republican leaders in the House that action on the Knox peace resolution might be deferred until the larger economic and other problems growing out of the war had been settled.

Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, the Republican leader, said that the resolution, which was adopted by the Senate a week ago, would not be considered next week, as had been expected in some quarters. He would not say how soon it might be taken up.

Remain in Committee a Month. House leaders generally, however, said the measure would remain with the Foreign Affairs Committee for a month, perhaps, until the European situation had cleared. It was said that this met the approval of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Some members insisted that President Harding preferred that no effort be made to rush it through at this time.

Ambassador Wallace and Roland W. Boyden are expected to resume their places almost immediately as special observers with the conference of ambassadors and the reparations commission, respectively. Their instructions were prepared today at the State Department.

RE-ENTRY OF AMERICA IN COUNCIL PLEASES PARIS

Press of French Capital Expresses Gratification Over News From Washington.

IS "PROOF OF GOOD SENSE"

Journal Des Debats Commends Secretary Hughes' Warning Against Dangers of Relations With Soviet Russia Under Existing Conditions.

[By Associated Press.] PARIS, May 7.—The Paris newspapers express much pleasure today over the return of the United States to the councils of the allies; news of the decision of the Washington government being prominently displayed. The Journal Des Debats reviews the series of actions taken by the United States in connection with the peace settlement, under the administration of President Harding, and terms the return of the United States to participation "another proof of good sense and friendship toward the allies." The newspaper adds: "Even if the United States delegates attend only unofficially, their presence will be most useful. They can express opinions that can be taken into consideration and they can inform their government at first hand. As we seek only justice, we can only be pleased at the reappearance in the allied

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RUHR VALLEY GERMANS SAY THEIR PROGRAM, IF INVADED, WILL BE 'BUSINESS AS USUAL'

Declare It Irony of Fate Only Teuton Area to Meet Its Contract With Allies Should Be First Proposed to Be Seized—Furnished Coal to France.

[By Associated Press.] ESSEN, GERMANY, May 7.—"Business as usual will be the watchword among the commercial and labor interests in the Ruhr Valley, should the occupation of that district by allied forces occur, according to leaders of those interests today, although they were averse to being quoted personally."

In the absence of Otto Hue, president of the Miners' Federation, who is in Berlin, engaged in conferences in connection with the Cabinet situation, it was declared at labor headquarters here, that no general strike was contemplated, nor was one even under discussion. The only factor likely to cause trouble, the labor officials said, would be the importation of foreign miners into the Ruhr, as was reported to be the French intention, to replace miners who might strike.

"This would be courting trouble," one of the leaders said. It was commented here that the miners represented the only branch of German industry that had fully carried out its undertakings toward

the allies, which President Hue pledged at the Spa conference. "It is the irony of fate that we should be the ones to be invaded," a labor official said. "We did our work so well that coal is a glut on the French market, and we understand they are shipping some to Newcastle."

One effect of occupation by the French, it was predicted locally, would be the strengthening of German patriotism, which has been somewhat lukewarm among the miners of the Ruhr since the armistice. During the revolution and the Communist uprising, their leanings were toward the Internationale, although 90 per cent of the miners are Germans.

At the Chamber of Commerce it was said business men and others will be willing to co-operate with the allies, but that the occupation of the valley was doomed to failure, financially and economically. The menace of military operations was considered responsible for the abnormal output of mines and other industries in the last month.

"What the Ruhr needs is a p... and they are sending us a p... was the viewpoint expressed by the Chamber of Commerce.